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April 2, 1914. Temperature 6 a.m. 74 2 p.m. 70
Humidity 86, 71

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TELEGRAMS.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received April 1.

"Unionists depressed at the failure of Military Schemes," "Government Chastened," and "Failure of the Plot against Ulster," are quotations indicating the attitude of the Party organs towards the pacific tone of yesterday's debate.

The Liberals emphasise that Sir Edward Grey's suggestion of a settlement was conditional on the passing of the Home Rule Bill, with the option of an election before the Bill becomes operative.

A spirit of Reasonableness.

London, Received April 2.

The debate on Home Rule yesterday was marked by the same peaceable tone as on Tuesday. Mr. Dillon remarked that the spirit of reasonableness and conciliation was evidence that it was desired on both sides to reach a settlement.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Interesting Items from the Latest Mails.

An interesting decision was given at Washington on February 24, when the tax on the use of foreign-built yachts imposed upon American citizens by the old Payne-Aldrich tariff act was upheld as constitutional by the Supreme Court.

Eagle Seized.

It is reported from Pittsburgh that a clerk in the Pennsylvania Railroad offices there, named S. J. McDonald was scratched and cut when he attempted to capture a large eagle that had swooped down from the hills above the Union Station and alighted on a window-sill. McDonald opened the window and attempted to drag the bird into his office, but it fought so fiercely he was compelled to release it.

The Unemployed.

On February 27, two hundred unemployed men left Richmond, California, equipped with blankets and cooking utensils, on a march to Washington to petition Congress for work. The men recruited at San Francisco. On their arrival at Richmond they were fed by the local authorities. The men expected to obtain rations from the various towns on the line of march.

"Back Hand" Doings.

A Chicago report says that three buildings were partly wrecked, a dozen persons were injured by flying glass when thrown from their beds, and windows a block away were shattered, when a bomb exploded in the doorway of Leonardo Meloni's grocery in the Italian quarter. The grocer told the police a "black hand" letter demanding \$2,000 three months ago was followed by another letter saying his store would be blown up unless he had \$5,000.

Chance for Bluejackets.

With a view to encouraging young men to enlist in the Navy and being once in the Navy to work hard to advance themselves, Mr. Daniels, Secretary to the Navy, has proposed a bill authorizing to appoint annually twenty-five young enlisted men to the Naval Academy as midshipmen. Appointments would be made on a competitive basis from among the brightest students in the classes aboard navy ships with a requirement of two years' sea service.

Income, A Million A Year.

Income-tax schedules filed on February 26 at the United States internal revenue office showed that one Chicago resident will

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A New Suggestion.

Prominence is being given to the suggestion of Mr. A. A. W. H. Ponsonby, Liberal M.P. for Stirling, which was cordially received on both sides, to the effect that both the Parties, after the Home Rule Bill has been read a third time, should establish a Convention to elaborate details of a federal scheme.

Brighter Outlook.

The Home Rule debate in the House of Commons, following the conciliatory speech of Sir Edward Grey, was singularly tranquil, and the general feeling is that the prospects of a settlement are rapidly brightening.

pay taxes on a yearly income estimated at nearly \$1,000,000. The office was notified that a man whose name was not made public, was prepared to pay \$42,518 68 as his net tax on an income of \$750,000, derived between March 1 and December 31. The man's income for the ten months was estimated at \$900,000, as the tax is required only on five-sixths of the total. Internal revenue officials estimated his yearly income at nearly a million dollars. The four next highest returns filed by Chicagoans were \$490,000, \$450,000, \$250,000 and \$129,000.

The Suffrage Question.

The question of votes for women is looming large in State politics in America just now. On February 24, the Senate at Trenton, New Jersey, passed the House concurrent resolution for an amendment to the Constitution extending votes to women. The vote on the woman suffrage amendment was 15 in favour, 3 against, 2 absent, and 1 Senator not voting. The resolution will have to be passed by next year's Legislature before being submitted to the voters for acceptance or rejection in the election of 1915.

At Washington, however, three days later, attempts by Senator Ashurst to get an agreement for a vote on March 28 on the constitutional amendment for woman suffrage were blocked and the Arizona Senator announced he would move for immediate consideration after passage of the Port Office bill now pending. He also had a clash with Senator Reed, who objected to fixing a date.

"If the Senator would talk less," declared Mr. Ashurst, "we might get through with some of this legislation the country is waiting for."

Several Senators urged Mr. Ashurst to withdraw the remark, but he refused.

MALAY STATES GUIDES.

The Departure of a Popular Commandant.

The Times of Malaya of the 21st ult. says:—On Monday morning the whole battalion of the Malay States Guides of all arms mustered on parade for the last time under command of Lieut. Col. E. R. B. Murray, Commandant, M.S.G. Addressing the battalion the Commandant said: British and Indian officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Malay States Guides, this is the last time I have the honour and the pleasure to command you on parade. It is an honour to command you because you are an efficient and a well-organized regiment and men of good family. It is a pleasure to command you because you are a well-behaved body of men, because you Indian

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East Fife Election.

Polling takes place at East Fife on the 15th inst.

Gen. Paget and Officers.

General Paget called at Downing street, after which Mr. Mc. Kenna, in the House of Commons, announced that General Paget informed Mr. Asquith that the only question he put to the Generals was whether they were ready to do their duty before any other considerations. It was not his intention that the Generals should put questions to subordinates. He (General Paget) also informed the Generals that officers whose homes were in Ulster might temporarily withdraw if operations were necessary, and he requested the Generals to ascertain the number thus withdrawing. General Paget was asked if other officers would be allowed to resign and he replied that refusal of duty would have resulted in dismissal.

officers you, non-commissioned officers, and you men try your best, I think, to keep up the good name of the regiment. The regiment has always had a good name. Its name is known not only in the Indian Empire but throughout the world. I hope that all ranks will remember and live up to that reputation. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment, I am very sorry to leave you. I thank all ranks for the loyal support they have given me. I am sure you will all give the same loyal support to Major Lees, who is succeeding me.

I will ever take the deepest interest in the welfare of the regiment as a whole and of you each and all in particular. I earnestly hope I may meet many of you again in India, and I include in that hope the officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have served with the Malay States Guides and who have gone on pension. I say: "Farewell" to you all.

Lieut.-Col. Murray dined with his officers for the last time in the Mess House on Thursday evening. The Regimental Band was in attendance and played a selection of music.

At 9.30 a.m. yesterday, a contingent of the Malay States Guides, numbering one hundred of the rank and file, with the regimental colours flying, and headed by the pipers and drum and pipe band, marched to the railway station, where they formed a guard-of-honour opposite the main entrance.

The sides of the road approaching to the station were lined by the men of the regiment who were in mufti wearing their picturesque Northern Indian costume. On the arrival of Lieut.-Col. Murray at the station the guard-of-honour presented arms and the band played the General Salute. After inspecting the guard-of-honour, the Colonel said:—"I am very pleased indeed to see this guard, and feel it a great honour. I must once more say good-bye to all ranks and to wish them the best of luck."

TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

A TOWN SURRENDERS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received April 1.

Reuter's correspondent at El Paso says the town of Torreon has now surrendered to General Villa.

THE DERBY.

NEWBURY BETTING.

London, Received April 2.

In betting for the Derby, at Newbury Racecourse, the Tetrarch is booked at 1,500 to 500.

FRENCH BUDGET.

ADOPTED BY CHAMBER.

London, Received April 2.

The French Chamber has adopted the budget, including the income tax. The deficit of \$3,400,000 is to be covered chiefly by short period loan.

THE FIELD OF WATERLOO.

Plans to Preserve It From Building.

We understand that a British Committee has now been organized, under the Presidency of the Duke of Wellington, grandson of the illustrious commander, for the purpose of helping to preserve the historic sites on the battlefield of Waterloo from the danger with which they are threatened by the encroachments of builders. The committee will hold its first meeting shortly. Among the large number of those who have joined it may be mentioned:—

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Marlborough, the Duke of Rutland, the Duke of Portland, Lord Anglesey, Lord Rosebery, Lord Roberts, Lord Ivesagh, Lord Methuen, Lord Chaylesmore, Lord Grenfell, Sir E. Cassel, Mr. Charnell, and the Lord Mayor of London.

Attention has frequently been drawn in *The Times* to the danger to the field of Waterloo. The fact that the next year is the centenary of the battle lends especial urgency to the necessity of taking action for its preservation before the natural demand for land raises prices to a prohibitive extent. Hitherto the initiative in taking steps to consider what ought to be done has lain with the Belgians. According to a letter which we published recently, a Belgian Committee has been formed, and the co-operation of the Belgian Government has been enlisted. It is a matter for satisfaction that a similar committee has been formed in this country, whose inhabitants, even in the midst of their domestic preoccupation, should not be unmindful of the part played by their forefathers in ridding Europe of Napoleon.—*The Times*.

THE TRICK THAT FAILED.

He came bustling into our favourite haunt the other evening (writes William in the *Manchester Guardian*), and burst brutally into our most interesting conversation with an inquiry whether we had seen the latest match trick. Without waiting for a reply, he seized hold of a handful from the stand, and placed them in a square on the table with one in the centre, which, he said,

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PANAMA TOLLS.

REPEALING BILL.

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Reuter's Washington correspondent says the Bill repealing the exemption of American coastwise shipping from payment of the Panama Canal tolls has been passed by the House of Representatives by 248 votes to 162.

TOLL OF THE AIR.

VEDRINES' BROTHER KILLED.

London, Received April 2.

Emile, a brother of Jules Vedrines, the famous aviator, has been killed while flying at Rheims. Another man who was with him was incinerated. Reuter's correspondent at Rheims states that the machine fell from the pylon from which it was suspended, the petrol igniting.

didn't count. The idea was by moving one at a time to arrange them so that upon each side of the square the number of matches was nine. And you never had to have more than nine on any side during the process. I said I wouldn't say anything, because I knew it, but he was so insistent on testing that I couldn't do it that I admitted the truth. One of our party became so interested that he got fearfully vexed if any one took one of the matches even to light his pipe. All conversation was hushed. We all got restive. The interested one moved the matches about as if they were gold dust. For a long time he was in that state when he thought he nearly had it, and in the end he appealed to the author of our misery. "What happens just here?" he asked. "Ah! that's the trick," he replied. "But I don't know it. I've only seen a chap do it once." Some one nearly moved the match-stand then in the direction of his head.

WHITE WOLF.

Fires Shangchow and Causes Panic Amongst Troops.

Peking, March 27.—Two thousand of the Government troops engaged the White Wolf brigades sixty li from Shangchow in Szechui. The brigades retreated through Shangchow, conveying the impression that they were defeated the troops followed them and occupied Shangchow.

At night-time the agents of White Wolf set fire to the city at many points, causing a panic amongst the troops, whom White Wolf then attacked and defeated. Five hundred soldiers are said to have been burned.

The Szechui troops are at present at Lantien, which is about one hundred li east of Sianfu. The White Wolf band is proceeding westward towards Szechuan. *China Press*.

PHILIPPINE POLICY.

The Next Probable Step.

Washington, February 13.—Representative Jones of Virginia talked with President Wilson today about prospective legislation looking toward giving the Filipinos the eventual independence it is proposed by the democratic party they should have. Mr. Jones, whose health has been bad for some time, will call a meeting of his committee and go over the situation.

TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH FINANCE.

FUTURE NEEDS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received April 2.

The national expenditure for the past year has been £197,493,000.

There is a surplus of £750,000, but Mr. Lloyd George will require an additional £9,400,000 to cover the expenditure for 1914-15.

FRENCH BATTLE SQUADRON.

A VISIT TO MALTA.

London, Received April 2.

The French second battle squadron has been at Malta for three days. Brilliant weather has favoured the festivities, the bluejackets fraternising in most hearty fashion.

Mr. Jones commented favourably on the recent work of the Filipino legislature in making appropriations for the operation of the islands and took this as an indication of what the people are capable of in self-government, he said.

The probable next step will be a territorial form of government, with larger measures of self-government for the islanders, Mr. Jones intimated.—*Manila Bulletin*.

FIRE-PROOF TRAINS.

New Type of Car Introduced on The Underground.

For some time past, the Underground Railway Company has been experimenting with a new type of car. A number have been built and have satisfactorily passed their tests, so that cars of the new type will shortly be running on the system. The new cars are fitted with hinged centre doors in place of the old sliding type. They are opened by the passengers, but closed automatically. Electrically-controlled locks are fitted to the doors, so that the gateman on the end platform can lock and unlock them. The operating switches are connected with the levers which open and close the ordinary gates at the end platform of the car and by an ingenious device small red and green lamps are fitted at the end platform so that the gateman may see that the doors are locked before starting the train. Experimental cars fitted with middle doors have been running on the Piccadilly line for some time, and have been found very useful for dealing with very heavy traffic.

The cars are constructed entirely of steel and other metals, except for a small portion of wood which has been rendered fire resisting. In the event of the failure of the ordinary supply current, special emergency lights are automatically switched on, which are supplied from accumulators. An important alteration which will be appreciated by the straphanger is the fitting of white enamelled steel covers on the hand straps, which are more comfortable and hygienic than the old pattern. The electrical equipment is of improved design, and the cars are mounted on bogies specially designed to give smooth running and reduce noise, while the seats and backs are constructed of woven wire, and are upholstered in moquette velvet, and fitted with arm rests projecting from the seat backs. The ventilation has also received careful attention, and is a great advance on the old system.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

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General Paget has called at Downing Street and informed Mr. Asquith of the question he put to Generals.

Mr. McKenna has explained in the House of Commons the conversations which took place between General Paget and the other Generals.

The Bill repealing the exemption of American coastwise shipping from Panama Canal tolls has passed the House of Representatives.

The general feeling in political circles is that the prospects of a settlement of the Ulster question are rapidly brightening.

A suggestion that both parties after the third reading of the Home Rule Bill establish a convention to consider a federal scheme is receiving much attention.

NEWS.

General News appears on page 3 and log book on page 6.

The Hongkong teams for the Canton regatta are given to-day.

The latest results in the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament appear to-day.

"Our contemporaries" appears on page 2 and commercial news on page 9.

A notice of "The Marriage Market" which was staged by the Bandmann Company last night, appears in this issue.

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Saturday April 4.

Wm. Powell Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting—noon.
Monday April 6.
H. K. Ice Co. Ltd. meeting—noon

Crown Land Sale P.W.D.—3 p.m.

Thursday April 9.

Sengai Hapah Rubber Co., Ltd., General Meeting—noon.

Friday April 10.

Stainer's "Crucifixion"—St. John's Cathedral—9.15 p.m.

Saturday April 11.

1st Gymkhana Meeting.

Wednesday April 15.

The China Borneo Co., Ltd., Meeting of Shareholders—noon.

Thursday April 16.

"Betsy" Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.

Friday April 17.

"Betsy" Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.

Saturday April 18.

"Betsy" Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.

Monday April 20.

Hongkong Schools Athletic Sports—noon.

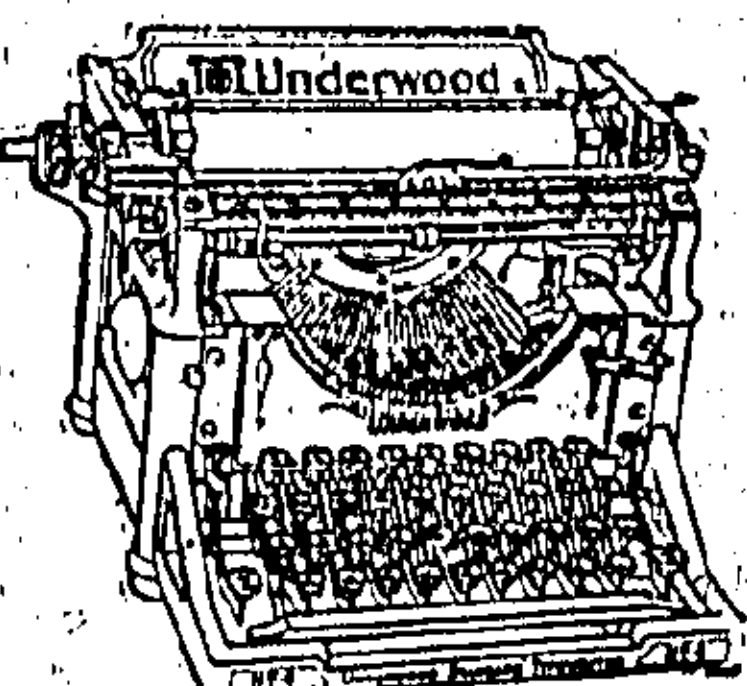
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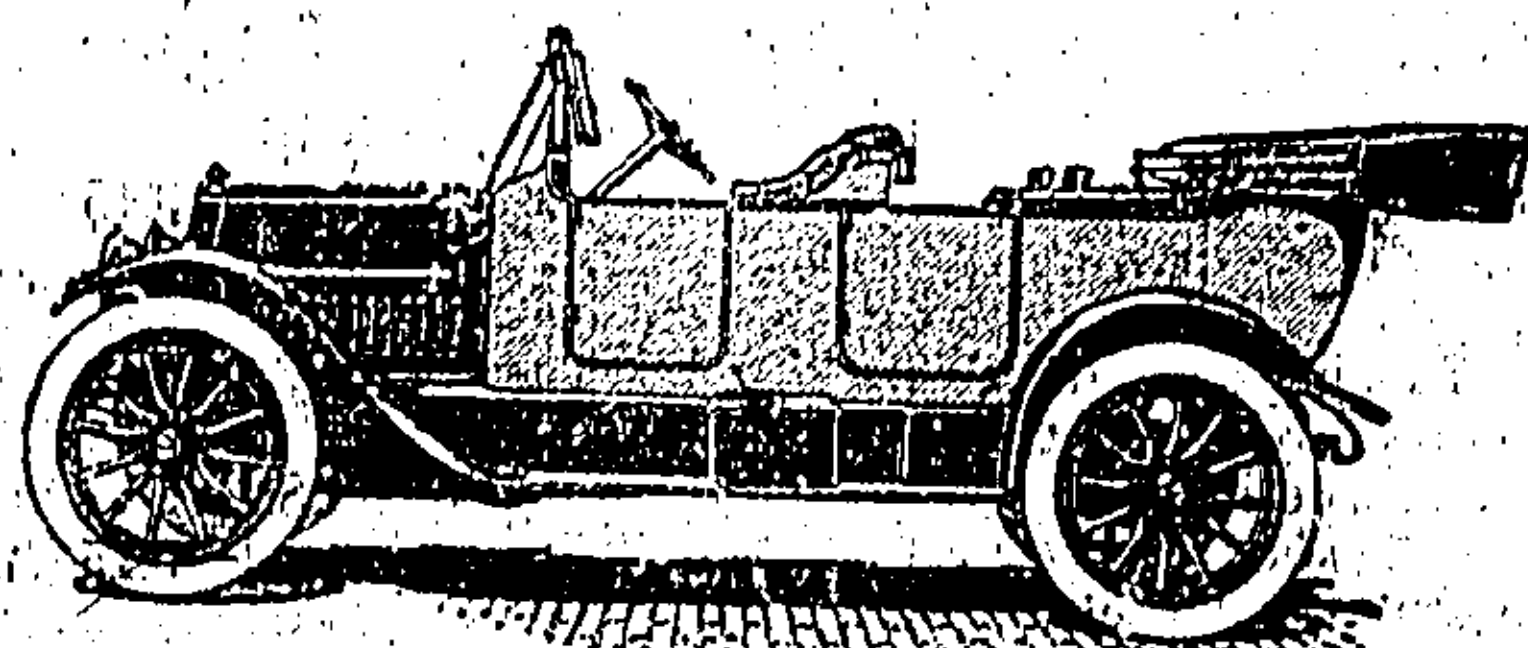
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Army Discipline.

The unfortunate occurrence, however, cannot rest it where it now stands. The Army is in imminent danger of being used as a means to force a political issue, and whatever that may amount to, it is in itself a recognition of the claim already distinctly made that the Army is entitled to consideration in deciding issues which affect the Government and, consequently, the people at large. Those who think, and would like to act disinterestedly, realize that the intense militarism does not make for a country's prosperity and are firm in the belief that the Army, far from being a superior body, is but a necessary evil. Mr. Asquith, however, can be depended upon to deal as directly with future signs of indiscipline as the Army Council will indirectly deal with those officers who were responsible for the present difficulty. That they will escape ultimate castigation is altogether unlikely.

Daily Press.

Asiatic Exclusion.

The Commonwealth boldly proclaimed exclusion of all Asiatics, and the Imperial authorities had to recognize that a self-governing Colony could not be dictated to in this matter. There are those who urge that Canada should follow suit. It is admitted, however, that such a course might prove awkward to the Imperial Government in respect of India, but that difficulty is not regarded as insuperable, it being asserted that Great Britain can take refuge under the statement that Canada, is a self-governing Colony, cannot be forced. However, there are those who believe that a drastic policy of exclusion will not become necessary. Their contention is that the demand for the less efficient Oriental labour is as great as ever it will be, and that the present regulations, combined with economic adjustments, will suffice to meet the needs of the case. There are some who go so far as to believe that even the present regulations will not be required, as the demand for labour efficiency, together with the rigid enforcement of sanitary regulations in the case of Chinese and Indians, will make it impossible for Orientals to compete successfully with the highly efficient white labour. This is perhaps too sanguine a view, but it is worth nothing in this brief survey of the situation in Canada, especially as it represents an aspect not generally considered when the question is discussed in the Far East.

China Mail.

The Political Crisis.

To all appearance there is another little lull in the political camp at Home, as to-day's telegrams contain nothing that indicates that the animated proceedings of Monday's debate in the House of Commons are continuing. The commanding figure of Mr. Asquith has been temporarily withdrawn from the scene, and as Mr. Bonar Law, the doughty champion of His Majesty's Opposition, has expressed an opinion to the effect that he considers it a sort of heresy to discuss Home Rule in the absence of the Prime Minister, it may be concluded that his followers will act on his cue and not have much to say regarding that much discussed, controversial measure until Mr. Asquith returns triumphantly—at least, we hope he will—from the by-election at East Fife. The most important item on the question is contained in the telegram stating that "Fifty Unionist Members of the House of Commons have expressed themselves in favour of a Federal solution." They have drafted an amendment to that effect which they intend shall be pressed upon the attention of both front benches in view of acceptance by general consent. Thus it will be seen, that even in the ranks of the bellicose and, alas, at times blustering, ranks of the Opposition, the spirit of mild and candid compromise is still in evidence.

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GENERAL NEWS.

On India Etc.
A new book by Dr. W. F. Oldham, entitled "India, Malaysia and the Philippines," was announced to appear in America last month.

Transferred.
Inspector Harry Doel of the F.M.S. Police, Taiping, has been transferred to Railway Police. He is at present stationed in Taiping.

Withdrawn.
The Klang Club have withdrawn from the Selangor Association Football League, and all matches arranged for them have accordingly been cancelled.

Going on Leave.
It is understood that when Mr. R. H. Onraet, Assistant Superintendent of Police at Penang, goes on leave Mr. S. B. Henson will be transferred there from Singapore.

Medical Mission Dispensary.
The Government has granted to the Church of England medical mission in Singapore the use of the building formerly occupied by the Cross Street School, to be used as a dispensary for women and children. Two nurses and two compounders are being trained to help in this work, and a Chinese lady doctor will shortly come from China, who will reside on the premises and attend maternity and other cases.

Shorter Hours in City Offices.
During the period April 1 to June 15, the office hours of all Municipal departments will be from 7.30 in the morning to 12.30 in the afternoon, when, in the judgment of the heads of departments, the transference of public business will not suffer thereby. Heads of departments are authorized to again extend at any time within the said period the office hours for any or all employees under them if, in the discretion of the department head, such extension be necessary.

Quite Ingenious.
A Singapore lady happened to be shopping the other day in one of the leading local stores—ladies' millinery department. She could not help overhearing an amusing dialogue between another lady who was also shopping, and the young lady assistant who was in charge of that special department. Holding up a set, or a pair—(the narrator of the story was a male who understands nothing of those things)—the lady, remarking upon the airy, peep-a-hoo, diaphanous texture of the articles, said indignantly to the assistant, "No respectable woman could wear that sort of thing." The ingenious reply of the young lady assistant was "Madam, these are not meant for respectable women to wear."

Sick Insurance in Germany.
Although the amended and consolidated system of sick insurance in the German Empire came into force only on January 1, the provisions for the insurance of domestic servants—the most important of all the new classes of workers involved—have already broken down. Within a very few weeks the Prussian Government, at any rate, has recognized the fact, and on February 13 the Prussian Minister of Commerce issued to the insurance authorities and important rescript. The long and the short of the matter is that domestic servants will have to be insured as a separate class in separate Krankenkassen, and on a basis which reflects the real risk of illness and so reduces the cost of insurance. The main trouble has arisen in this way. The law leaves it to the municipalities to decide whether they will found "rural" Krankenkassen, or simply put the new categories of insured persons into the existing "urban" Krankenkassen. Having no inducement to take action, and being faced in any case by the unpopularity of the scheme, they have for the most part done nothing.

Dredging.
For some time past the Victorian Government authorities have had considerable difficulty in coping with urgent dredging work at the various outports and have had under consideration the question of obtaining another powerful sandpump suction dredger. It has now been decided to build the vessel locally, and the work will be entrusted to the State Shipping Yards, Williamstown. The estimated cost is said to be in the vicinity of £23,000.

TONIC FOR A JADED MAN.

Gardening Often Much Better Than Medicine.

From time immemorial man have known the virtues of the soil in healing those whose mind or body has suffered from ills which are inevitable in crowded cities. In mythology the idea was firmly crystallized in the old legend of him who was rendered all but invulnerable by the revivifying power of Mother Earth. Thrown to the ground in any contest, he arose each time stronger than before. Which means that a return, if only temporary, to the natural life from which civilization tends to wean man is like a return to the well with an empty pitcher. That this is realized now as rarely before is amply proved by the present anxiety on every hand to secure the most possible of country life. Who does not know people who openly boast that they have thrown physic to the dogs since they began to work in some fashion on a little plot of ground, however small, somewhere in the country?

And if the recrudescence of this old idea which prompted Horace to flee the populous Rome to the simplicity of his Sabine farm seems especially strong to-day, when numbers are being used up physically and mentally by the stress of city life, there is noticeable, too, a more modern idea. Prevention, which has become the watchword in medicine and social-welfare work, is also in the minds of many who, to keep themselves fit, have turned to country-life pursuits. And as preventive treatment, what is here meant are the humbler forms of country-life activities, available particularly to those of modest means who will entrust to no gardener or horticulturist or landscape artist the tasks which they themselves can do, with the assurance of gaining thereby health and peace of mind.

Utilizing the Preventive idea. The preventive idea is the modern helpful view. Let the city dweller or worker bear that in mind, and go to the soil before he has to. Even a temporary return to nature gives comfort and relief to a broken man. If the dropping back into simple and natural ways of living is efficacious still greater is the benefit if some interest is cultivated which brings one into a knowledge of growing plants and flowers and into contact with the actual soil. Something there is about the way in which nature accomplishes her miracles that bring into the human soul a philosophical calmness and contentment. It is impressed upon one how surely and deliberately, according to season, and contrary to the poll mell uncertainty of cities, natural phenomena unfold. Perhaps the suggestion will be got—not altogether a bad one for self-centred urbanites—that in this steady recurrence of seasons and succession of plant life man hardly figures at all. And there comes a new and more accurate perspective to the man working in the garden, which is in no small degree responsible for his regained peace of mind.

It does not seem to matter whether one's energies are directed, so long as there is enough clear ground, and open sky. While gardening either for the aesthetic satisfaction of growing beautiful flowers to admire, or raising vegetables for the table, is the pursuit recommended as fit and away the best for keeping off the ills the flesh must bow to, there are many other. Reclaiming an old orchard is a variation which the circumstances of time particular country dweller may suggest; improving the condition and the appearance of the trees on one's place or in the woods near by, is another.

Any of the opportunities which invite the man who owns even a tiny plot out of the city's limits will repay his response many fold. All the possibilities of landscape designing are his on a small scale. Maybe his wife would like to have a rocky in which to plant her ferns. There is no difficulty, except that of healthful physical exertion, in calling stones enough from the surrounding woods and brookbeds, or if the country-side affords no stones, somewhere not too far

away construction work of some kind will be found where fragments of rock are easily to be had. The laying off of a road or walk across the lawn, making a tennis court, constructing a home-made pool on the place, either for fish or water plants; the raising of hives, pigeons, even the erection of houses which will tempt birds to take up their residence—the opportunities for the suburbanite are almost infinite.

Outdoor life, contact with the earth, the digging, the wheeling of a barrow, even the quiet contemplation of unfolding animal and plant life are better tonics and restorers than any man has devised. There was one gardener who did wonders for himself, at the very prosaic task of digging holes. Through a period of three years he dug four hundred holes for trees and shrubs. He was three times as strong, he asserted, at the expiration of that than ever before, and he weighed twenty pounds more. The improvement in his attitude toward life was too great to estimate. During all that time he had been working in the open air, he had "found"—although this particular gardener was no poet, and didn't express it in just this fashion—tonics in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything," including himself.

The good to be derived from digging in the ground in the springtime, with the pleasant odour of fresh-turned soil in one's nostrils, is one of the chief benefits awaiting the country dweller. And many are the excuses he can find for this pastime—planting flowers and vegetables, setting posts for fences and runways for the chickens, opening ditches, spading in a growing garden—even digging fish bait.

Setting out trees is a practice too often neglected in favour of smaller garden tasks. This is a great mistake, for there is nothing which becomes so much a real part of a home and the background of all its finer sentiments as a tree planted with care. It matures with the children of the family, and more than lives out their natural life, with which it seems bound up. In some families, each child has a tree planted on its birthday—his own tree cherished as his particular property. In some parts of Switzerland the people have a custom worthy of being observed, of planting trees on family holidays, in observance of happy events like marriages and births.

The family and friends gather at the setting of the tree, and the work is done with ceremony. Ever afterward that tree stands for something in the family life. "God Almighty first planted a garden and indeed it is the purest of human pleasures. It is the greatest refreshment to the spirits of man," this is the opinion expressed in the sixteenth century by the philosopher Bacon and it is good counsel to-day.

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DEATH.

CATER.—On March 11, at Linsum Estate, Rantau, Negri Sembilan, F.M.S., George Harry Cater.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1914.

THE PHILIPPINES OUTLOOK.

The outspoken words which Mr. Joseph Leiter, the Chicago millionaire, addressed to members of the City Club at Manila last week on the policy of the United States Government towards the Philippines problem are worthy of studied consideration. Though a Democrat himself, he did not hesitate roundly to condemn the attitude of the present Administration, which he described not only as entirely wrong, but "a disgrace to the nation." These are hard words, but Mr. Leiter is not the only disinterested observer who has committed himself to similar views. Not only has the "Filipinization" of the Government services in the Islands caused intense dissatisfaction to the American and foreign communities generally; it has also endangered the magnificent era of progress which has set in since the occupation by the United States.

On the broader question of ultimate independence for the Filipinos, there are good grounds for believing that the present administration is beginning to realise that it has given the people of the Islands some right to expect what America cannot, or at any rate will not, give. In other words, there has been held before the eyes of the Filipinos an absolute picture of independence. Yet the Administration knows that it does not intend granting such independence; it would not be justice to the Filipino, who must be saved from himself. Viewed from that standpoint, it would really be cowardly for America to do it. The United States has an obligation to assure a just and stable Government, according to the standards and ideals of modern civilised states, and the obligation is not only to the Filipinos themselves but also to foreign business interests which have been built up in the Islands on the assumption that such a Government would be guaranteed. The Administration must perceive that fact quite plainly, and we have reason for saying that it does, and, what is more, that it is seeking for some grounds upon which it may be able to draw back somewhat from the advanced position it has taken up.

It is not pleasant to forecast trouble, but it would not be surprising if, when the Filipinos come to a realisation of the fact that they are not going to get from the Government what the latter has led them to expect, through a misunderstanding of the situation, there will be something in the nature of dissatisfaction. The trouble may, indeed, be sufficiently serious as to develop into a small insurrection; but we do not doubt that any such movement would soon be suppressed. Whatever the consequences, however, it would be far better if the United States made it clear once and for all that it will be many a long day before the granting of absolute independence can even be seriously considered. Such an announcement might, nay it would, cause consternation among the extreme Filipino agitators, but it would be welcomed by those interests, American and otherwise, which have done practically everything to bring the Islands into their present state of development and advancement.

The Field of Waterloo.

Next year is the centenary of the battle of Waterloo and the 18th of June, 1915, is certain to be fittingly celebrated. There will doubtless, too, be numerous pilgrims to the field itself. Except, however, something is done there seems every likelihood of there being no field to speak of by June next year. Brussels is overflowing and the historic sites on the battle-field are threatened by the builder. Happily, however, the danger has been recognised and a Belgian company was formed some time ago to consider what steps should be taken in order to preserve the field. The proposal most favoured seems to be the acquisition of the building rights, and that would serve the purpose. Now a British committee has been formed, under the presidency of the Duke of Wellington, grandson of the great commander, to co-operate with the Belgian committee. When it issues its appeal contributions should flow in rapidly.

Kowloon's Gharries.

A paragraph in our columns yesterday remarked the appearance of gharries in Kowloon. They deserve further notice. We tried one last evening and were greatly relieved in our mind when we read the announcement, inside the gharry, "tame horses and neatly carriages ready for hire." It is comforting to know that the new company has not selected wild horses to go between the shafts. Ours was quite tame—tame almost to intelligence, for it knew where we wanted to go better than did the driver when it came to one turning. Seriously, however, the gharry is not unwelcome. If it manages to give these "ricksha coolies" something of a fright and so reduces their insolence in some degree, it will do a fine bit of work.

Canal Tolls.

It is now practically assured that the American coastwise shipping will be required to pay tolls when using the Panama Canal just as foreign vessels will. The Bill repealing the proposed exemption of American boats has now passed the House of Representatives by a substantial majority, and, in view of the general trend of opinion on the subject, it will no doubt soon become law. The movement to exempt vessels flying the Stars and Stripes was undoubtedly a mistake, running in the face, as it did, of existing Treaties on the subject. President Wilson fully realised that point, and his recent appeal to Congress on the matter was marked by great earnestness and a just appreciation of the situation. Great Britain was, of course, vitally interested in the matter, and if the new Bill goes through, a serious controversy will be got out of the way.

Other Points.

Apart from the bearing of Treaty relations on the subject, there is another point which should not be overlooked. It is that the exemption of American coastwise shipping would decrease the revenues of the Canal. That aspect was mentioned quite recently by Colonel Goethals, the builder of the Canal, who also pointed out that it was his view that no benefit would accrue to consumers from an arrangement, which would merely increase the profits of shippers. Anyhow, the whole question now bids fair for a rapid settlement which will secure full justice being done the shipping of all nations. Barring unforeseen accidents, the Canal should be open for merchant ships by July 1—a date which will be a memorable one in the history of shipping.

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DAY BY DAY.

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The Weather.

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The Mails.

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Gamblers.

Twelve gamblers from Aberdeen Street were each fined \$3, at the Police Court, this morning.

Extradition Case.

At the Police Court, this afternoon the hearing of the extradition case reported in the Telegraph yesterday, was continued.

To Consignees.

Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Nippon Maru are reminded that goods remaining delivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent.

Sale of Stamps.

Mr. G. P. Lammert is selling by public auction to-morrow, a valuable collection of postage stamps. The sale takes place at his sales rooms at 5 p.m.

Opium Possession.

A Chinese who was arrested for having twenty taels of opium in his possession when he came by the s.s. Daiji Maru, was \$1,600 on in default six months, at the Police Court, this morning.

Dense Fog.

The s.s. Yingchow, which arrived this morning from Shanghai reports encountering dense fog on leaving the Northern port and misty weather the rest of the run.

Escaped from Custody.

While the prisoners in the Marine Court case yesterday were waiting to be sent to goal in connection with offences on board the s.s. Salamis, Sing Kee, a quartermaster, escaped from custody. He had been sentenced to undergo six weeks hard labour.

Gunner Arrested.

A European gunner has been arrested in connection with the theft of a gold watch and a great coat which, as was reported yesterday, were stolen from the room of Capt. Smith. The great coat has been recovered, but up to now the gold watch has not. The case will be dealt with by the military authorities.

FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA.

How the Disease was Cleared Out of Europe.

Sir Ronald Ross told the fascinating story of his fight with mosquito-borne diseases, on February 23, to a distinguished company at the Institute of Hygiene. Even so late as 1899 very few believed that mosquitoes could possibly have anything to do with malaria, but Sir Ronald and English and Italian and American friends have now not only proved the truth of their theory, but by applying it practically have cleared the disease almost entirely out of Europe.

They have got it under control in many parts of Asia and Africa, and, greatest triumph of all, by applying similar research methods have broken the power of yellow fever in Central America and made the completion of the Panama Canal possible. The way in which a mosquito carries malaria from one patient to another Sir Ronald described as being one of the most wonderful stories of science. How the complete cycle of events came to be carried out is a huge puzzle for evolutionists.

A set of cinematograph films was shown to illustrate how easily the mosquito could be killed in the earlier stages of its life. When the eggs were hatched tiny larvae flickered across the screen, shooting up to the surface of the water tail-first every few seconds to breathe through tubes attached to the hinder parts of their bodies. A few drops of petrol dropped on the surface of the water prevented them from breathing, and in a very few moments, all of them settled to the bottom, dead. By means such as these modern science has attacked mosquito-borne diseases in their most vulnerable part.

PIRACY NEAR HONGKONG.

Gang Hold Up Steamers and Kill Two Men.

Another piracy, involving the loss of two lives, is reported near Hongkong. The vessel is a small Chinese river steamer running between Hongkong and Wuchow, named the Shinghai, and the affair took place at Kio, which is just over thirty miles from here. The Shinghai, which is owned by the Tsai Wo Steamship Company, of Connaught Road Central, left here on Tuesday to make the usual run to Wuchow, and everything went well until just off Kio Island, when a gang of pirates, who had come on board the vessel as passengers, began their work.

There were, it appears, four guards on the boat, whose special business it was to search passengers so as to prevent the carrying of arms. These men were supplied by arrangement with the Canton Government. They are said to have searched all the passengers before the steamer left, but found nothing; and it is considered that the pirates must have very cleverly concealed what arms they had on them. It was well on into the night when the trouble began, and it is stated to have arisen from an order by one of the ship's officers to the guard to again search some men on whom suspicion had fallen.

This the guard proceeded to do, but almost as soon as they began one of the pirates whipped out a revolver and shot one of the guards dead on the spot. Then the gang of pirate-passengers took possession of the ship and in the subsequent fighting they are said to have killed the storekeeper and wounded a passenger. After frightening everybody into subjection they began to loot the vessel and laid their hands on everything of value. In the end they got away in native craft, taking with them booty to the value of between \$20,000 and \$30,000, mostly money. The Shinghai was able to proceed to Macao, as her engines were not damaged. All the pirates were heavily armed.

Ki O, where the piracy took place, lies just behind Lintin Island. It was formerly a fishing village, but for many years past has been a well-known stronghold of pirates and robbers; the women inhabitants even engaging in the nefarious business.

The Shinghai is due back in Hongkong on Sunday. The owners have received a report from the owners giving a bare statement of the piracy, news of which they received by wire, and stating that a tallyman named Lam Bat and a Cantonese guard were killed.

STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION.

Presentation in St. John's on Good Friday.

Stainer's "Crucifixion" which is to be sung by the Cathedral Choir considerably augmented, in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday, has been presented once before in Hongkong—St. Peter's Church about ten years ago—so that as far as the Cathedral is concerned it is quite new. This work which has had a wonderful popularity at home was composed in 1876 and first performed in St. Paul's Cathedral. Since then it was regularly performed under the baton of the composer Barnby for several years at the Royal Albert Hall.

The music is less majestic than that of the Messiah, portions of which have been rendered at the Cathedral for the past few years, but it has this one advantage that a complete story is presented with very impressive and devotional music, a notable example of which is the closing portion, "the appeal of the Crucified," and the final scenes.

The presentation is timed to commence at 8 p.m. but will be preceded by a selection for organ only. As the congregations at this annual service have increased considerably of late years—last year many people standing after extra seats had been provided—it is as well for those who wish to attend to be at the cathedral as early as possible.

CANTON RUMOURS.

Not Given Credence in Chinese Circles.

All manner of sensational rumours are in circulation at the present time regarding impending trouble in Canton, but while there is some unrest being caused by the frequency of robberies and piracies, opinion in Chinese circles in Hongkong is that the situation is much exaggerated.

One matter which has given rise to unpleasant rumours is that the troops have not been paid up to date. It appears that there are altogether some 20,000 soldiers in Canton, and these are said to have been paid only in part for last month; they are still owed ten days' pay for the month. The reason for non-payment in full is believed to be due to the financial difficulties of the Government.

The Tutub, General Lung Chai-kwong, has recently been ordered to Peking, but he is apparently very reluctant to go, for it is said that it is the intention of President Yuan to dismiss him from his post, and appoint another man in his stead. His reason given to the Peking authorities for not going North is said to be that the Province is not too peaceful and his presence is required in Canton.

CANTON NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

To Raise Loans.

Canton, March 30, 1914. In view of the fact that the value of currency notes has been decreasing from 6 to 56, the Governor-General and the Civil Administrator have proposed to raise small loans for the maintenance of the value of the notes. On Sunday last the Civil Administrator therefore specially deputised his secretary and the Commissioner of Finance to go to Hongkong for the purpose. Whether they have succeeded or not is not yet known. But on their return last night, the demeanour of the two officers seemed to indicate that their mission was successful.

Ling Nam Bank.

The new Bank of Canton has been given permission both by the Minister of Finance and the Civil Administrator to be styled the Ling Nam South China Bank. The new currency notes of \$10,000,000, recently appropriated from the Bank of China, will also be named Ling Nam bank notes.

House Raided.

On the 27th inst. a house in Ko-Tai Street was raided and in it were found a revolver, a quantity of dynamite and a bottle of poisonous liquid. It is said that the house was occupied by six persons, but only four of them were arrested, the rest escaping.

Robbers Active.

In the Heung-shan District, a band of robbers, headed by Tam Sing-tack, has been very active. These robbers were once defeated by the officers, but they are still strong and collecting in Tong-hoi, Tong-sha and Fan Sha. Means have been taken for the defence of the District and also to prevent the passage of the robbers to Macao. Eleven gun-boats have been ordered to anchor at Tong-hoi, and it is believed that the robbers will easily be defeated.

Suggested Bridge.

In view of the inconvenience of crossing the streets certain officials have suggested the construction of a bridge of 500 feet (Chinese) in length, to extend from the Governor-General's Yamen to the rear of the Department of Weapons. The construction is about to be commenced.

HARBOUR OFFICE EXAMINATIONS.

The following are the passes in the Harbour Office Examinations held during the month of March:—

Peter Emil Lund, 2nd class Engineer; Johannes H. van den Berg, master; John Smith, 1st class engineer; A. Grier, 1st class engineer; renewal; H. P. Allgood, river mate; R. H. W. Scott, 1st class engineer; Thomas Moodie, 2nd class engineer.

THE GYMKHANA.

Entries for the Various Events.

The entries for the various events at the Gymkhana meeting on Saturday April 11 are as follow:—

Half Mile Race for non-winning Subs.—Dunin, Pitcorthis, Fluke, Somerset Arravand, Gilgwyn, Suzanne (Shing), Brympton, Springwood (Malgwyn), Brown Boy.

Gymkhana Stakes.—Sir Galahad, Snowdrop, Red Cloud, Reliance (Polkalini), Dumtrie, Soi Kwai, Roman Chief, Nigerian Chief, Aldwyoh, Monarch Dahlia, Fickle Bird, Mallard, Joss Mighty, Wincanton, Matchlock (Matchless Dahlia), Flying Kangaroo, Brown Boy.

Tent-pegging.—Mr. Master and Mr. Hickman, Mr. Blason and Mr. David, Mr. Watson and Mr. Biedes, Capt. Edge and Mr. Rawlinson, Lieut. McGillivray and Lieut. Pope, Mr. Elwes and Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sedgwick and Mr. H. O. Gray, Capt. Hattersley-Smith and Dr. Hastings.

One Mile Race for Subs. any season.—Pitcorthis, Pegasus, Arravand, Vadeem (Mad Eve), Tango, Gilgwyn, Aldwyoh, Brown Boy, Monarch Dahlia, Brympton, Cheriton, Goode Hop, The Cat, Rosario.

Jump Race.—Robin Hood, Flying Kangaroo, Wincanton, Dunin, Arravand, Slush.

One and a quarter mile Handicap.—Pitcorthis, Tango, Sir Galahad, Snowdrop, Red Cloud, Reliance (Polkalini), Roman Chief, Nigerian Chief, Aldwyoh, Monarch Dahlia, Joss Mighty, Matchlock, (Matchless Dahlia), Mascotte (Victoria Aster), Dumtrie, Fickle Bird, Springwood (Malgwyn), Vadeem (Mad Eve), Soi Kwai, Brown Boy, Mallard.

CANTON REGATTA.

Hongkong Teams for Saturday's Event.

The Canton Rowing Club hold a regatta on Saturday next at Canton when the chief item of interest in the programme will be, as in past years, the race between the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club four and the Canton four. It will be remembered that last year the Hongkong Club brought away the Canton Challenge cup presented by M. D. H. Cameron, their victory on that occasion being just as close a one as that of the Canton four a month ago. This year it is not expected that the Club will make much show as everything seems to have been against them since the regatta here, and, with the exception of the senior four and pairs, scratch crews have had to be entered. The second pair have only been out once, having had to be reconstructed owing to sickness and accident.

The club will be represented as follows:—Cameron Challenge Cup;

Bow C. W. Mayne	11	11
2. R. B. Brown	11	11
J. E. Mombler R. E.	15	—
Stroke A. Murdock	11	—
Cox. G. A. Caldwell	7	—

Open Fours.

Bow J. A. Pym	11	6
2. G. H. Kalis	12	—
3. E. B. Reed	11	8
Stroke W. Payson	11	8
Cox. G. A. Caldwell	7	—

Interport Senior Pairs.

Bow R. Brown	11	11
Stroke E. R. Mombler	13	—
Cox. G. A. Caldwell	7	—

Second Pairs.

Bow J. A. Pym	11	6
Stroke H. R. Thomas	10	13
Cox. G. A. Caldwell	7	—

TENNIS.

Latest Results in the Tournament.

The following are the results of last night's play in the tennis tournament organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club:—

Doubles Handicap.—E. Abraham and S. E. Green owe 15, beat Jodwell and Hastings, owe 3-0, 6-2, 6-4; Joseland and Penman own 30 beat Crook and de Rome, 15-1, 6-4, 6-4.

Mixed doubles handicap.—Mr. J. R. Wood and Mrs. Turnbull, 15, beat P. R. M. Colling and Miss R. Burton, 4-6, 6-3, 9-7.

MISREPRESENTATION
CLAIM.European Doctors Mentioned
in a Case.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Ho Lok-kam, 49 Queen's Road Central, sued Leung Sam, a midwife and Au Sz-chen, medical practitioner for \$700, obtained from him by the defendants or either of them by fraud or misrepresentation.

Mr. W. B. Hind, (Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, for the defendants.

Mr. Hind said that in August, last year, the first named defendant came to the office of the plaintiff and asked for treatment for the right eye which was found to be in a very much inflamed condition. Plaintiff examined the eye and asked the defendant how long she had had the inflammation? She said thirty-six hours and the inflammation had reached a very acute stage. He gave her a prescription and an eye wash made up from the prescription. He also instructed her that the eye wash had to be mixed with warm water so as to bring the eye-wash to the temperature of the eye. She went away and that was the last plaintiff heard of the defendant for some considerable time. On September 11, a letter was sent to the plaintiff from Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist which stated that amongst other things, the medicine given by plaintiff to the defendant was the cause of the inflammation and the ultimate loss of her right eye. Therefore she claimed \$5,000. Then the plaintiff asked another doctor, the second defendant, in this action to act as an intermediary. During the course of these proceedings the doctor who was acting as an intermediary was requested to tell the plaintiff that Dr. Harston, Dr. Allen and Dr. Struthers had each of them said that the loss of the eye was caused by plaintiff's treatment. Relying on that representation the plaintiff finally compromised for \$700 and paid that amount. On the morning that it was paid he found out that neither of the doctors mentioned had made the statement alleged. Now he was suing to recover for the false representation.

Dr. Dalmahoy Allan deposed that on August 20, last year, he was called in consultation by Dr. Au Sz-chen in the case of Leung Sam, whom he visited at her house at West Point, in company with Dr. Au. He found that she was suffering from acute inflammation of the right eye and a subsequent bacteriological examination showed that it was caused by Gonorrhea. The patient must have been suffering three or four days. He prescribed for her. Dr. Au led him to understand that another Chinese doctor, whose name he did not remember at the moment, had been treating plaintiff. He saw plaintiff after she left the hospital. He did not tell Leung Sam that Dr. Au's treatment was the cause of the loss of plaintiff's eye.

By Mr. Harris: He had offered to contribute a subscription for the plaintiff, but he strongly denied that the offer was made with the idea of assisting her in the action which he heard she was bringing against the plaintiff. He did not suggest that plaintiff should take proceedings, and his offer of a donation was made out of sympathy with the woman in her loss. He did not suggest that a subscription should be raised to relieve Dr. Au. He did not see Dr. Au's prescription, but he saw the medicine.

Mr. Harris asked if the medicine was properly prescribed? Mr. Hind objected, saying that it raised an issue which was not upon the pleadings and would moreover lengthen the case considerably. The issue was misrepresentation—that Drs. Allan, Harston and Struthers made certain statements.

Mr. Harris said that if he found it necessary, he should be allowed to recall Dr. Allan. He did not wish however, to raise an issue if it could be avoided.

His Lordship assented. After plaintiff had given evidence in support of his solicitor's

BRITISH COALING
STATIONS.

New Depot in the Persian Gulf.

Comparatively few people are aware of the fact that a new British coaling station has been established in the Persian Gulf, where constant vigilance is necessary to prevent the traffic in arms. The coaling station occupies an advantageous position at Henjam, near the entrance to the gulf as compared with the coaling depot at Basida on the island of Kishm, where small vessels only have been able to replenish their bunkers owing to the shallow approach.

Not only is there a greater depth of water at Henjam, but the sheltered anchorage is suitable for all the vessels of the East Indies Squadron to lie at the necessary work in constructing the coaling depot, such as Tiers making, has been largely carried out by "handymen" from the East Indies Squadron, whose peratality appears to have no limit in the field of labour.

opening statement the case for the defence was opened.

Mr. Harris said that the claim had to fail in so much as that the evidence produced was not such as would allow of a verdict in the favour of the plaintiff being given.

His Lordship asked if they were dropping Dr. Harston?

Mr. Hind replied that he was not here just now, so that prevented them from calling him.

Mr. Harris, continuing, said that the plaintiff called for Dr. Au and asked him if he knew the other defendant, Leung Sam, and he said that he did. The plaintiff then asked him if he would try to find out the matter for him, in other words to commence inquiries instead of him doing it himself. If Dr. Au had told him the things that were alleged to be told, that the eye had been examined by three doctors and each had said to her that she would lose her eye through negligence, it would not be a case of fraudulent misrepresentation. It would be a false report to the agent. The position was this. Leung Sam made a false and fraudulent misrepresentation to Dr. Au and therefore induced Dr. Au to part with \$700. The representation alleged against Dr. Au was not a representation by Dr. Au at all. They had some rather important evidence from the plaintiff apart from the agency, that Dr. Au was his agent with regard to the facts of the inducement of fraud and all that; they had got a very muddled statement from him. He had said that the next time that he heard from Leung Sam it was by way of a letter from the solicitors on September 11. Previous to that the plaintiff had made an offer of \$500 and that could not have arisen from the alleged representation from Dr. Au. The first offer was made on the 9th. They were attempting to put a statement down to his client which was not made. The case had become hopelessly involved and the only case they had made out was that Dr. Au was the agent of the plaintiff and they could not possibly succeed in an action to recover that money. The plaintiff was afraid of proceedings in that Court, paid \$700 and now wanted it back. This was a case his Lordship would withdraw from a jury.

His Lordship said he did not think that what he had heard would justify that if there were a jury. Dr. Au then went into the box and gave evidence.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with cost.

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DISCOVERY OF A "LOST
WORLD."

Ancient Cities of South America.

How an Englishman recently discovered some ancient cities of South America, Inca palaces, the architecture of which was more impressive than that of the British Houses of Parliament, is told by Captain Campbell Beesley upon his return to New York from a voyage of exploration.

On arrival at Cuzco, Captain Beesley said in an interview with a Central News correspondent, we fell in with an old Indian who said that he would show us ruins older than the oldest ruins generally known.

He led us to three cities which for centuries past have lain buried in the luxuriant tropical undergrowth.

Among the dense masses of the undergrowth we at first could see nothing, but the spade and the machete cleared a way for us and revealed portions of extraordinary buildings, equal in conception and execution to anything that is to be seen at present in the world of civilisation. Their architecture was more impressive than that of our British Houses of Parliament.

They were Inca palaces that we saw, containing meeting-rooms larger than the rooms in our biggest modern hotels. Our Indian guide said the chief city, which bore the name of Platero-yoo, once contained a population numbering probably 50,000.

A Lost World.

We found among these remains of a "lost world" some wonderful specimens of "champi," which is a mixture of gold and silver, some silver chisels, a number of semi-circular knives and vessels of all sorts and descriptions. Many of these vessels were richly ornamented.

It is clear that the Incas in their time possessed methods of their own by which enormous stones might be moved from one place to another. We found one stone, weighing about 300 tons, which had obviously been brought from a great distance. It had been partially cut with some instrument of the saw type. The cities are guarded by huge, fortified gates of stone. The adjacent river was banked up with stone walls by these bold engineers for a distance of forty-five miles, in order to prevent disaster by flood or invasion.

Speaking of the discovery of the lost expedition, Captain Beesley said:—
We found ourselves on the trail of the lost American Cromer Seljan expedition which disappeared in the Peruvian interior about two years ago. We discovered an Indian girl who had in her possession a love-letter written to her the year before by Mr. Seljan. The letter, which contained professions of deep affection, was in Spanish, and the girl was unable to read it.

This girl, whose name was Herminia Moldenaro, said that Seljan and O'Higgins hired an Indian girl named Julianna and went up the River Marañon with six Indians. Three weeks later the Indians returned, saying that Seljan had not treated them well, and that they had therefore left him.

Chased by Bear.

Ten days afterwards the girl Julianna returned to Galiche. She told a story of having been chased by a bear and of having lost Seljan and O'Higgins.

Profiting by the girl's directions, we followed Seljan's trail for seven days, and eventually we found a quantity of bones, which were obviously those of Seljan and O'Higgins. There were bones of the thigh, arm, and hand. Apparently the two men were killed and eaten. We buried the bones and erected a cross on the site of this grim tragedy.

Captain Beesley is a native of London, where he lived until he was eight years of age. A year or two ago he was playing polo in California in an English team whose members included Lord Tweedmouth and Lord Alastair Innes-Kerr. Though not a Regular of the British Army, he took part in the Boer war, holding a commission in the Rhodesia Light Horse.

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4.—To transact any other business that may arise.

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HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	Kaifong	4th Apr. at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAU	Yingchow	4th Apr. at m'night
W'WAI, C'FOO & TIENTSIN	Huichow	5th Apr. at d'light
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Teau	7th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Liangchow	7th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Luchow	9th Apr. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Chinhua	14th Apr. at 4 p.m.

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Tijpanas	JAVA	2nd half Mar.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tijmahai	JAVA	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tijbodas	JAPAN	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tijlatjan	JAPAN	1st half Apr.	JAPAN	1st half Apr.
Tijmanoeek	S'HA'I	2nd half Apr.	JAVA	2nd half Apr.
Tijliwong	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	JAPAN	2nd half Apr.
Tijlaroem	JAVA	1st half May	S'HA'I	1st half May

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Tenyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	Sat., 4th Apr. (10.30 a.m.)
Nippon Maru*	11,000 - 18 knots	Wed., 8th Apr.
Hongkong Maru*	11,000 - 18 knots	Sat., 25th "
Shinyo Maru†	22,000 - 21 knots	from Kobe 11th May.
Chiyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	Tues., 19th May.

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Steamers.	Arrive Hongkong from Australia.	Leave Hongkong for Australia.
Eastern		8th April at 10 a.
Aldenham	4th April.	1st May
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Steamships.	Captain	Leaving.
Halyang	A. E. Hodgins...	THURSDAY, 2nd Apr. at 1 p.m.
Haiching	W. C. Passmore...	FRIDAY, 3rd Apr. at 11 a.m.
Haifan	J. S. Roach	TUESDAY, 7th Apr. at 11 a.m.

FOR SATWAT.

Halmun.....	J. W. Evans ...	SUNDAY, 5th Apr. at 10 a.m.
Haifun.....	J. W. Evans ...	WEDNESD, 8th Apr. at 11 a.m.

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At Rosyth.
Tentative arrangements are being made for starting R. with on its active career as a Royal Dockyard. From what one can gather men are to be drafted thither from the other yards, though not in any great numbers at first. There seems a disposition to try the experiment of getting men locally and leavening them with a good sprinkling of experienced dockyardmen. Within the next few years there will be some five thousand men engaged at the Scotch base, and this number will be greatly increased when the place gets into full swing. Rosyth is to be a sort of submarine and torpedo craft headquarters at the start. In all probability it will flourish at the expense of Chatham and Sheerness.

Vessels Entered Chefoo.
A total of 714 vessels of 532,813 tons entered Chefoo during the quarter ended December 31, 1913 being an increase of 52 vessels of 109,177 tons over the same quarter of the year before, but a decrease of 39 vessels and 90,857 tons over the same quarter of 1911 and a decrease of 8 ships but an increase of 10,201 tons over the quarter ended September 30, 1913. Of the total entered 35.6 per cent. were foreign steamers and 19.3 per cent. Chinese steamers.

Lowered Freights.
The Rikmers Company has announced that it has lowered its freights on beans, seeds, ground-nuts, etc., from Eastern ports to Europe by 30 per cent. The Freight Conference, from which the Rikmers Company keeps aloof, has, in consequence, been advised to reduce the freights on the same cargoes by 7 shillings to 35 shillings, and intends to offer a further reduction of 25 per cent. with a view to competing with the above company.

Prai River Dock.
The F.M.S. government has agreed to purchase, at the price fixed by the arbitrator, namely \$1,000,000, the property of the Prai River Dock in Penang with a view to bringing it under the same management as the railway. The following are the terms of the award:—

The machinery in use for the working of the dock to be retained by the harbour department, also the stores: the dock not to be used by the railway department nor that department to open any lighterage business within the limits of the Harbour Board: provided that the work of lighterage is carried out efficiently by the Harbour Board to the satisfaction of the High Commissioners. Until the slipway is completed the Harbour Board to make use of the docks and workshops and to take the profits. From the date payment is made the railway department to carry out the handling of cargo and coal on the wharves.

Tax on Dairen Vessels.
The proposal to impose a tax of 30 sen on vessels registered at Dairen led to a meeting of shipowners whose vessels will be affected at Osaka to oppose the tax. They maintain that in Japan proper and other countries taxes on steamers are imposed according to the registered tonnage. The proposed tax is not only based on gross tonnage, which is in itself improper, but the rate is excessive. Even in Osaka, where the shipping tax is the highest in Japan, the prefectural tax is only 20 sen per ton with the same rate of additional municipal tax. In Hyogo prefecture, the prefectural tax is 5 sen per ton with a 24 sen additional municipal tax. The owners have registered their steamers at Dairen only for the purpose of enjoying exemption from Customs duty and tax. If the Kwantung authorities insist on the imposition of a 30 sen tax, they will transfer their steamers to Hongkong or Shanghai. With a tax of 30 sen per gross ton on fifty steamers aggregating 171,019 tons the total proceeds would be ¥ 51,305.70, but if imposed on the registered tonnage the revenue would be ¥ 33,825.30, a difference of ¥ 17,480.40.

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SHANGHAI	Hangsang	Fri., 3rd Apr. at d'light
TIENSIN via Swatow	Cheongshing	Fri., 3rd Apr. at 2 p.m.
Wwei & Chefoo	Namsang	Fri., 3rd Apr. at 2 p.m.
S'PORE, Pang & C'outa	Loksang	Sat., 4th Apr. at d'light
SHANGHAI	Yuen-sang	Sat., 4th Apr. at 2 p.m.
MANILA	Choy-sang	Wed., 8th Apr. at d'light
SHANGHAI	Loval	Wed., 8th Apr. at noon
Kobe & Moji	Kumsang	Sat., 11th Apr. at noon
YHAMA, Kobe & Moji	Loong-sang	Sat., 11th Apr. at 2 p.m.
MANILA	Loong-sang	Sat., 11th Apr. at 2 p.m.

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Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Assyria	H. A. L.	4, Apr.
T'te, Fiume V'ce, via S'pore etc.	Austria	S. W. Co.	6, Apr.
Marseilles via S'gon, S'pore, C'bo.	Chili	M. M. Co.	7, Apr.
Port Said	Amazona	M. M. Co.	7, Apr.
Havre & Hamburg &c.	Alesia	H. A. L.	8, Apr.
London and Antwerp	Mer'shire	J. M. Co.	8, Apr.
M'los, L'don, A'werp via S'pore etc.	Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	8, Apr.
London, via Usual Ports of Call	Arabia	P. & O.	11, Apr.
Tr'este, via Singapore, Penang, C'bo, etc.	Koerber	S. W. Co.	15, Apr.
Havre, Bremen & Hamburg	Bayern	H. A. L.	23, Apr.
Mar' el' Antwerp, R'dam	Lothringen	N. D. L.	M. of Apr.
Bremen & Hamburg	Thuringen	N. D. L.	B. of May
Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Gernis	N. D. L.	5, of May
London, R'dam & Antwerp	Signaringen	M. Co.	15, May
Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Uckermark	H. A. L.	15, May
London, R'dam & Antwerp	Card'shire	J. M. Co.	18, May
Marseilles via S'gon, S'pore, C'bo.	Dumbea	M. M.	19, May
Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Schwarzburg	H. A. L.	19, May
P'dam, Hamburg & Antwerp	Brigavia	H. A. L.	22, May
Havre, Bremen & Hamburg	Altmark	H. A. L.	1, June
Rotterdam & Hamburg	Brasilis	H. A. L.	6, June
Havre & Hamburg	Furst Bulow	H. A. L.	6, June

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To Be Despatched.
San Francisco, via Shanghai, M'la.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	4, Apr.
Japan and Honolulu	Atholl	D. L. Co.	4, Apr.
New York	R. Dollar	R. D. Co.	4, Apr.
San Francisco and San Pedro	Den of	J. M. Co.	5, Apr.
Victoria, Vancouver Seattle,	Ruthven	N. Y. K.	7, Apr.
Tacoma & Portland	Awa M.	C. P. R.	8, Apr.
V'toria, B.C. S'tle via Shanghai &c.	Monteagle	T. K. K.	8, Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai, Japan etc.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	11, Apr.
San Francisco via S'hai & Manila	Seyo M.	T. K. K.	11, Apr.
Mexican, Peruvian and Chile	Hoerde	H. A. L.	14, Apr.
Ports via Japan	E. of Asia	C. P. R.	16, Apr.
Victoria, V'wer, S'tle & P. (Or.)	Ch'koag M.	O. S. K.	16, Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai and Japan	H'kong M.	T. K. K.	25, Apr.
V'toria, B.C. T'ina via Japan &c.	A. K. Co.	A. K. Co.	25, Apr.
San F'co via S'hai & Japan &c.	Agban P.	J. D. Co.	28, Apr.
New York via Suez Canal	M. S. Dollar	R. D. Co.	3, May
San Francisco and San Pedro	Glenloch	T. K. K.	11, May
V'toria, V'wer, S'tle, T. & P.	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	19, May
San F'cisco via S'hai & Japan &c.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	28, May
San Francisco	C'shire	J. M. Co.	28, May
Victoria, V'wer, S'tle & P'land			

AUSTRALIA.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To Be Despatched.
Australian Ports via Manila	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	8, Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	9, Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	P. Sigismund	M. & Co.	18, Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	Taiyuan	B. & S.	22, Apr.
Australia	Aldenharn	G. L. Co.	1, May
Australia	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	6, May
Australia	Empire	G. L. Co.	29, May

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Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama	Namur	P. & O.	3, Apr.
Shanghai	Loksang	J. M. Co.	3, Apr.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	D. L. Co.	3, Apr.
Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	3, Apr.
Manila	Yuen-sang	J. M. Co.	4, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Uckermark	H. A. L.	5, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Paul Lecat	M. M.	5, Apr.
Bombay via S'pore Port S'ham, Penang & Colombo	Java M.	O. S. K.	5, Apr.
S'pore, Pang, R'gon & C'outa	Kanagawa M.	N. Y. K.	6, Apr.
Bombay via Singapore & Colombo	Kawachi M.	N. Y. K.	6, Apr.
Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Levar	J. M. Co.	7, Apr.
Shanghai	Liangchow	B. & S.	7, Apr.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tea	B. & S.	7, Apr.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	8, Apr.
Jesse-ton, Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. Co.	9, Apr.
Shanghai	Delta	P. & O.	9, Apr.
Kobe and Yokohama	Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	9, Apr.
Yokohama, Kobe & Moji	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	11, Apr.
Manila, Mangarin, Cebu & Iloilo	Zafiro	S. T. Co.	11, Apr.
Kobe (direct)	Sanuki	N. Y. K.	11, Apr.
Shanghai, Y'hama, Kobe & Moji	A. N. Co.	A. N. Co.	12, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Torilla	D. S. Co.	18, Apr.
Kobe (direct)	Jimien	N. Y. K.	22, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Altmark	H. A. L.	25, Apr.
Kobe	P. Waldemar	H. A. L.	28, Apr.
Tientsin via S'tow, W'wei & C'foo	Chipsing	J. M. Co.	29, Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	W'berg	H. A. L.	1, May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Furst Bulow	H. A. L.	1, May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Sogovia	H. A. L.	11, May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Emden	H. A. L.	21, May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Sambis	H. A. L.	21, May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Frisia	H. A. L.	23, May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Silesia	H. A. L.	18, June
Japan	Tillapap	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Tikini	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tijonias	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tijmahis	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
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Moji	Yatsing
Singapore	Signaringen
Tsingtau	Vladimir

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF ASIA left Yokohama on the 31st March at 3 p.m. and is due to arrive at Kobe on the 1st April.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA left Yokohama on the 25th Mar. between 4 & 6 a.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The s.s. ALDENHAM left Sydney for this port (via Queensland Ports & Manila) on 11th ult. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 4th April.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. NIPPON MARU will leave Hongkong for San Francisco via Manila, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on the 8th April at 10.30 a.m.

The P. M. s.s. MONGOLIA arrived at Manila on the 31st March and is expected to sail from that port for Hongkong on the 3rd inst. at 4 p.m., making her due to arrive at this port at about 10 a.m. on the 5th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAGA MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 6th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAWACHI MARU (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 28th March and is expected here on the 4th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KANAGAWA MAUR (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 28th March and is expected here on the 4th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TANGO MARU (Australian Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji & Nagasaki on the 28th Mar. and is expected here on the 6th Apr.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NIKKO MARU (Australian Line) left Thun. Is. for this port via Manila on the 28th March and is expected here on the 6th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMO MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 28th March and is expected here on the 6th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAGA MARU (European Line) left Colombo for this port via Singapore on the 26th March and is expected here on the 8th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SANUKI MARU (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via ports on the 21st March and is expected here on the 12th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. ATSUTA MARU (European Line) left Marseilles for this port via ports on the 21st March and is expected here on the 21st April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TAMBA MARU (American Line) left Seattle for this port via ports on the 24th March and is expected here on the 26th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. HITACHI MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 23rd March and is expected here on the 6th May.

The Mogul Line s.s. LOTHIAN sailed from United Kingdom on the 21st Feb. for Hongkong via Straits and is due to arrive here about the 3rd April.

The Barber Line s.s. CHEALISTER sailed from New York on the 4th Feb. for Hongkong.

The L. C. S. N. s.s. LOVAT from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 4th April.

The L. C. S. N. s.s. KUMSANG from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 8th April.

The L. C. S. N. s.s. CHOY-SANG from Shanghai is due at Hongkong on the 3rd April.

The L.C.S.N. s.s. YATSHING from Moji is due at Hongkong on the 3rd April.

The S.L. s.s. MERIONETHSHIRE for Hongkong leaves Shanghai 6th April is due at Hongkong on the 9th April.

The S.L. s.s. DEN OF RUTHVEN from London leaves Singapore 30th March is due at Hongkong on the 5th April.

The s.s. GLENTURRET passed the Suez Canal on the 13th inst. for Hongkong via Straits.

The East Asiatic Co. Ltd. s.s. OATHAY has left Port Said and may be expected here on or about the 14th of April.

The A. A. S. S. Co.'s s.s. INDRANI passed the Suez Canal on the 17th ult. for Hongkong direct.

The Mogul Line s.s. MONTROSE left United Kingdom for Hongkong via Straits on the 23rd ult. and is expected to arrive here on or about the 7th May.

The N. D. L. s.s. SIGMARINGEN left Singapore on the 28th March at 6 a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 3rd April.

The s.s. DUNERA from Yokohama and Kobe left Moji on the 28th March and may be expected here on or about the 1st April.

The P. & O. s.s. NAMUR left Singapore for this Port on the 30th March at 7 a.m. and is due here on the 4th April at 9 a.m.

The H. A. L. s.s. UCKERMARK left Singapore on the 30th March a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 5th April.

The R. V. F. s.s. VLADIMIR 5260 R.T. Commander Kuchanovsky, left Tientsin on the 29th March morning, is expected to arrive here on the 3rd April morning.

The H. A. L. s.s. BRISGAVIA left Singapore on the 31st March p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 7th inst. p.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Steamers.	Arrival.
Monteagle, Br. 3,953, A. J. Hailey, 20th ult.—Shanghai, 17th ult. Gen.—C. P. R. Co.	
Tenyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 13,454, Ernest Bent, 21st ult.—Shanghai, 19th ult. Gen.—T. K. K.	
Dagfin, Norw. s.s. 895, A. T. Salvesen, 22nd ult.—Saloon, 15th ult. Rice etc. Order.	
Fenley, Br. s.s. 1,905, Appleton, 26th ult.—Ching-wan-tao, 19th ult. Coal D. & Co.	
Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,452, A. G. Stevens, 27th ult.—San Francisco, 27th Feb. Gen.—T. K. K.	
Ouraka, Br. s.s. 1,709, B. W. O. Pritchard, 28th ult.—New Cusale, 1st ult. Gen.—D. & Co.	
E. of India, Br. s.s. 3,032, F. L. Davison, 27th ult.—Vancouver, 7th ult. Gen.—C. P. R.	
Maehow, Ger. s.s. 998, Fallner, 28th ult.—Haibow, 27th ult. Rice—B. & S.	
Matsuri Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,995, Kobayashi, 27th ult.—Wakamatsu, 21st ult. Coal—M. B. G. K.	
Miyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 920, H. Taohibana, 27th ult.—Bangkok, 17th ult. Rice and Flour—Japanese.	
Awa Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,912, S. Tonimaga, 27th ult.—Shanghai, 26th ult. Gen.—N. Y. K.	
Chowtai, Ger. s.s. 1,115, E. Gathmann, 28th ult.—Bangkok, 22nd Mar. Rice—B. and S.	
Idomenour, Br. s.s. 6,682, W. W. Wallace, 30th ult.—Shanghai, 27th Mar. Gen.—B. and S.	
Kwangsai, Br. s.s. 1,226, G. J. Spink, 30th ult.—Saigon, 25th Mar. Gen.—B. and S.	
C. Jabsen, Ger. s.s. 1,103, J. Bindasov, 30th Mar.—Bangkok, 27th Mar. Rice—Ch. B. St. & Co.	
Elabeth, Ger. s.s. 981, Berg, 31st March—Onion Nono, 26th Mar. Rice—J. & Co.	
Kiang Ping, Chi. s.s. 1,222, H. Udden, 30th Mar.—Chinkiang, 27th March. Gen.—Chinese.	
Aspuet, Br. s.s. 3,170, L. Smith, 1st inst. Swatow, 31st ult. N.—S. O. & Co.	
Borneo, Ger. s.s. 1,344, Job. Kochler, 1st inst.—Sandakan, 27th ult. Gen. & Timber—M. & Co.	
Haiching, Br. s.s. 1,267, Passmore, 1st inst. Swatow, 31st ult. Gen.—D. L. & Co.	
Helene, Ger. s.s. 771, Jossen, 1st inst.—Touraine, 29th ult. Gen.—J. & Co.	
Kaifong, Br. s.s. 981, N. Mathias, 31st ult. Haiphong, 30th ult. Gen.—B. & S.	
Mausang, Br. s.s. 1,344, Carlo, 31st ult.—Shanghai, 27th ult. Bal.—A. P. & Co.	
P. Sigismund, Ger. s.s. 1,844, A. Hurling, 1st inst.—Sydney, 7th ult. Gen.—M. & Co.	
Sachsen, Ger. s.s. 5,400, A. Wagner, 31st ult.—Shanghai, 27th ult. Gen.—H. A. L.	
Selyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 4,855, H. Nagano, 1st inst.—Moji, 27th ult. Coal & Gen.—T. K. K.	
Wulu, Br. s.s. 1,237, Howard, 1st inst.—Shanghai, 28th ult. Gen.—C. N. & Co.	

Yodo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,933, Yokata, 28th Mar.—Wakamatsu, 23rd March. Coal—M. B. G. K.

Yuen-sang, Br. s.s. 1,128, C. A. Robertson, 31st March—Manila, 23rd March. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Namsang, Br. s.s. 2,591, H. M. Gilroy, 30th Mar.—26th ult.—Coal & Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Rajah, Ger. s.s. 1,275, O. Roelofsky, 29th ult.—Sarawak, 21st Mar. Timber—N. D. L.

Rubi, Am. s.s. 1,408, James Miller, 30th Mar.—Manila, 27th ult. Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Seacola, Ger. s.s. 2,855, F. Jochims, 28th Mar.—Shanghai, 24th Mar. Gen.—H. A. L.

Watson \$10 \$7.80 b. 60 cents for 1912
William Powell \$8 1/2 s. 50 cts, year ending 6-30-12
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BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

The Marriage Market at the Theatre Royal.

The Bandmann Opera Company were a great success last night at the Theatre Royal, in "The Marriage Market." The play turns on the confusion and social disorder which is brought about by the daughter of a millionaire and a cowboy marrying as the result of an auction, the girl thinking it "just fun," and being ignorant of the fact that though on previous occasions the marriages were not legal ones this one is different. Lord Hurlingham (Mr. Bobby Roberts) who was late to bid for the hand of the heiress, becomes matrimonially allied through the same agency to a friend of Mariposa (Miss Irene Raye). This complication is not arrived at until well through the first act and it comes none too soon to prevent the lethargy of the opening from palling. The action scene was interesting but in no wise fascinating. The authors appear to have once or twice lost the measure of what is humour for a speculation that would not harm the play if it was obliterated. It comes from the auctioneer, Blinker, the valet to Lord Hurlingham (Mr. Jimmie Hooper), when he explains the "points" of the girls on the list. The elucidating of the problem of the nuptials so irregularly brought about, takes up the remainder of the evening and after many violent changes from uncertainty to certainty, Slippery Jack, the cowboy (Mr. Alec Worcester) secures the wife who turned him down on leaving the altar.

Mr. Worcester did justice to the character, which is a very difficult one to play successfully. Certainly there were times when one was at a loss to understand how it could be possible for a hectoring cowboy who finds his "all" leaving him and indulges in an exhibition of unrestrained irritation, to be so quickly transformed into the most veneered cavalier. But that had nothing to do with the artist; it was the part created for him, a difficult part indeed, and all the resource it called for was meted out in a manner most praiseworthy. Lord Hurlingham kept the house merry with his handling of American customs regarding marriage, or the dissolution of it. As the "perfect gentleman" on a mission for the purifying of the customs, he was a great success. As Emma, the maid to the heiress, Miss Addie Lennard was one of the successes of the evening. She played her part with a charming naturalness, as did Miss Nellie Lomas, as a Midy. The topical allusions in song by Blinker, were warmly applauded, as was the farewell song on the yacht, in which Mr. Worcester secured the well-deserved favour of the audience.

"To-night 'The Marriage Market' will again be staged."

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers' Club Tournament.

Two further games played in the match between the Hongkong Volunteers and the R.G.A. in the first round of the Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament, last evening, resulted in the Volunteers establishing a lead which it is impossible for the Artillery to catch up on. Yesterday evening before play was commenced the Volunteers were only 133 points ahead but hard luck pursued the Gunners and as the result of good play by Mr. Bullock and S.M. Rodgers the lead was increased to 450. There are still two more games to be played this evening the scores at present being—

H.K. Vols.	
Mr. Hutchison	250
Mr. Wolf	250
Capt. Lamert	240
Mr. Sutherland	250
S.M. Rodgers	250
Mr. Bullock	250

88 Co. R.G.A.	1,400
Lt. Roupell	217
Capt. de Piro	184
Gunner Morgan	250
Gunner Mundy	156
Gunner Hall	110
Gunner Thomas	114

EASTERN TRADE.

Plans of the California Commission.

As we have already announced, the *Daily Journal of Commerce*, of San Francisco, is sending a Commission of California business men to Japan and China for the purpose of obtaining accurate data concerning the trade between San Francisco and the seaports of the Orient and to ascertain the best means of increasing this trade. The members of this Commission, which left the States on March 5, will be known as the Foreign Trade Commission and will be received by official and commercial organizations abroad as the representatives of the business men of the State.

The newspaper named is paying the expenses of this Commission from the day it leaves San Francisco until it returns to the port about three months later.

The journal believes the time has come for a most active campaign, having for its object the increase of profitable trade between the leading Pacific coast ports and the great commercial centers of the Orient.

A member of the editorial staff of the *Daily Journal of Commerce* is accompanying the Commission and arranging for its continued welfare during the trip. Plenty of time will be allowed for a thorough study of conditions, manufactures, shipping arrangements, the trade customs of the business men at the seaports and inland cities visited.

The tour of the Commission includes the leading seaports of Japan and China and provision is made for a stay in Manila and also at Honolulu. An attractive inland tour of both China and Japan has been arranged. Important industrial and commercial centres will be visited and there will be rides by rail and river, boats through the heart of the land of enchantment, now becoming of vital importance in the world of modern commerce.

The Commissioners were chosen by public ballot, no fewer than 4,443,616 votes being cast. The successful persons were—

Mr. Fred J. Churchill, Secretary Board of Public Works of San Francisco, who received 1,599,400 votes.

Mr. A. C. Rulofson, President Home Industry League of California, who received 679,400 votes.

Miss Harriet B. Perkins, news and magazine writer, representing the Women's clubs and societies of California, who received 473,800 votes.

MAN INFECTS THE MOSQUITO.

And the Mosquito Retaliates with a Malarial Bite.

The following from the *New York Evening Post* should interest Hongkongers—

Washington, February 26.—"Man-to-mosquito-to-man" is the chain of life of the malaria germ, according to the Federal Public Health Service, and to prevent malaria it is necessary to break the chain somewhere, it is announced in a statement to-day. The mosquito is not born with the malaria germs, it is pointed out, but to get them must first bite a person who has them in his blood.

"Man infects the mosquito," it declares, "and the mosquito in turn infects man."

The malaria-bearing mosquito usually bites at dusk or twilight or some time in the hours between sunset and sunrise, says the statement. It will bite also, if hungry, in a dark and shady place in the day, but the usual time is about sunset. The screening of houses and the use of mosquito nets over beds is suggested.

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POST OFFICE.

Chinese registered correspondence will not be delivered on a signature only. The Chop of a firm of standing will, in case, be required in addition. The Postmen have instructions not to part with any registered article until the above regulation has been complied with.

The Mongolia with the American mail, is due to arrive here on Sunday the 5th inst. at 10 a.m.

MAILS DUE.

American, Mongolia, 5th inst.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Mar. 14 Due Shanghai Mar. 30.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai, North China, & Tsingtau, Japan via Korea (Europe via Siberia)—Per P. ALICE, 2nd April, 5 p.m. (To make connection with the Dalny steamer leaving Shanghai on Wednesday the 8th April, at 9 p.m.)

Shanghai, & North China—Per HANG-SANG, 2nd April, 5 p.m.

Swatow, Weichow, Chafu & Tientsin—Per CHEONGSHING, 2nd April, 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Hoihow & Bangkok—Per MACHEN 3rd inst. 9 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHOWTAL, 3rd inst. 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-CHING, 3rd April, 10 a.m.

Straits, Mauritius & South African Ports—Per SALAMIS 3rd inst. 10 a.m.

Quinhon—Per ELSEBETH, 3rd inst. 10 a.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per NAMSANG, 3rd April, 11 a.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per DUNERA, 3rd inst. 3 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per RUBI, 3rd April, 3 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per LOK-SANG, 3rd April, 5 p.m.

Ningpo, Chafu & Newchwang—Per KWANGSE, 3rd inst. 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 4th April.

Hoihow, Tourane and Quinhon—Per HELENE, 4th inst. 8 a.m.

Hoihow, Haiphong & Pakhoi—Per KALFORN, 4th April, 8 a.m.

Shanghai & North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, S. America, via San Francisco (Europe via Siberia)—Per TENYO-MARU, 4th April, 11 a.m.

Philippine Is.—Per YUENSANG, 4th April, 1 p.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta—Per DUNERA, 4th inst. 2 p.m.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per TJIPANAS, 4th inst. 4 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, (Europe via Siberia) Per YINGHOW, 4th April, 5 p.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per TJITJAP, 4th inst. 5 p.m.

Straits & Ceylon—Per JAYA MARU, 4th inst. 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 5th April.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 5th April 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Tamsui—Per DAIGI MARU, 5th inst. 11 a.m.

MONDAY, 6th April.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Bombay—Per AUSTRIA, 6th April, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, 7th April.

Philippine Is., Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, South America, and Canada, via San Francisco—Per NIPPON MARU, 7th April, 9 a.m.

Wei Hai Wei & Tientsin—Per HUI-CHOW, 7th inst., 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.

AMAZON, 8th April, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, & North China—Per LIANG-CHOW, 7th April, 11 a.m.

Philippine Is.—Per TEAN, 7th April 3 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per OHOW-SANG, 7th inst. 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 8th April.

Straits & Colombo—Per KAMO, 8th April, 11 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per NIKKO-MARU, 8th inst., 10 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 8th inst. 10 a.m.

Philippine Is., Australia Tasmania & New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per TANYO-MARU, 8th inst. 11 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per LOVAT, 8th April 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 9th April.

Philippine Is., Timor, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per EAST-ERN, 9th April, 9 a.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per LU-CHOW, 9th April, 3 p.m.

Jesseltown, Kudat and Sandakan—Per BORNEO, 9th April, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 11th April.

Japan via Moji Hilo, Honolulu & South American Ports—Per SEIYO MARU, 11th inst. 10 a.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per KUMSANG, 11th April, 11 a.m.

Straits, India via Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail).—The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 10th inst. 5 p.m.—Per AROADIA, 11th inst. 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Choysang, Br. s.s. 1,424, M. Courtury, 2nd inst.—Swatow, 1st inst. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Porcia, Dut. s.s. 3,993, Mario de Nardo, 1st inst.—Singapore, 26th ult. Gen.—S. M. & Co.

Java Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,954, Fuchigami, 2nd inst.—Moji, 25th ult. Gen.—O. S. K.

Phrymphen, Br. s.s. 1,064, Buro, 2nd inst.—Saigon, 29th ult. Rice—Chinese

Tatarax, Br. s.s. 2,954, Read, 2nd inst.—Calcutta, 18th ult. Ballast—S. O. & Co.

Tepaisan Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,363, Tsuji, 2nd inst.—Milko, 27th ult. Coal—M. B. K.

Yingchow, Br. s.s. 1,220, O. Williams, 2nd inst.—Shanghai, 29th ult. Gen.—B. and S.

DEPARTED.

April 1.

Wa Sun for Macao.

Nusum Maru for Hongkong.

Maka for London via Singapore.

Petchaburi for Singapore via Swatow.

Kagoshima Maru for Dairen.

Haimun for Swatow.

Sachsen for Hamburg via Saigon.

K. C. Wan for Kwong Chow Wan.

Ataka Maru for Ohinwantao.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

April 1.

Wa Sun for Canton.

Matsura Maru for Tayoh.

E. of India for Vancouver via Shanghai.

Telemachus for Yokohama via Shanghai.

Myo Maru for Kobe via Fusan.

April 2.

Chaza Jebson for Bangkok.

Haiyang for Fouchow via Swatow.

Hangsang for Shanghai.

Persia for Yokohama via Shanghai.

Ambai for Shanghai.

Yingchow for Canton.

Choysang for Jantou.

Ouraku for Kobe.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Yingchow from Shanghai on the 2nd inst.—Miss Violet Victoria, Sheridan & Martin, Dr. Gutierrez.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per s.s. Kaga Maru from London on the 28th inst.—Rev J. Smith, Dr. M. Ross, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. McCann, Miss R. McCann, Miss M. McCann, Master J. McCann, A. W. Smith, J. M. Nisbet.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London, 20th March.

Arrivals from China—Goeben Phenius Kilano Maru.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Agamemnon, Andalusia, Calcheta, Erroll, Annam, Sunda, Delta, Magellan.

London, 24th March.

Arrivals from China—Bohemia, Kafuo.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Himalaya, Hyson, Aitmark, Nordentey, Yangtze, Proteas, Bennohr.

London, 27th March.

Arrivals from China:—Andalusia, China, Annam, Polesu, Magellan.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Achilles, Bendoran, Bulow, Cordillero, Derflinger, Lyo Maru, Patricia.

London, 31st March.

Arrivals from China:—Benlawers, Helonus, Hysou, Tranguabar, Prousson, Yangtze.

The following vessels have passed the Canal:—Atsuta Maru, Ellen Rickmers, Glenloch, Lennor, Nippon, Suruga, Atreus, O. J. D. Ahlers.

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ALEXANDRA CAFE.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 2nd at 11.35—An anticyclone covers S.E. Mongolia and S.W. Manchuria. The depression which lay over the Yangtze Valley has moved eastward. It is now central over S. Ja an.

Pressure has increased slightly over the Philippines. It is nearly stationary along the south coast of China and over Annam.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 6.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	S.E. or variable winds, moderate to cloudy; some rain later.
2 Formosa Channel	Variable winds, freshening from N.E. later.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	Variable winds, light to moderate.
5 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	N.E. winds, moderate.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

2nd, April, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
W'otook	7a	30.27	24	w	1 b	
Nomuro	6a	29.79		nne	5	
Hakodate	"	30.07		nne	5	
Tokio	"	29.93		nne	1	
Koshi	"	29.92		nne		
Nagasaki	"	29.72		nne		
K'shima	"	29.66		nne	1	
Oshima	"					
Naha	"					
Ishijima	"	30.12		so	1	
Bohai Is.	"					
Chafu	"					
W'haiwei	"	30.19	35	70	n	9cbm
Hankow	"					
Ichang	"					
Kiukiang	"					
Changsha	"	30.05	46	n	2omd	
Gutzlaff	"	29.94	47	n	6 om	
Sharp P.	7a	29.91	67	n	4	
Amoy	"	29.86	68	90	n	0 f
Swatow	6a	29.80	69	95	nne	1
Taihou	"	29.87		sw	2	
Taihou	"	29.92		sw	2	
Tainan	"	29.91		sw	2	
Koshun	"	29.91		sw	4	
P'iores	"	29.93	70	95	sw	1
Canton	6a	29.89	74	86	sw	1
H'kong	"	29.83		sw	3 c	
Cap Rock	"	29.86		sw	3 c	
Macao	"	29.86		sw	2 c	
Wichow	6a					
Pakhoi	"					
Hoihow	"	29.81	73	sw	4 o	
Phullen	6a	29.83	76	sw	2 b	
Tourane	"	29.85	77	sw	2 b	
C. St. J.	"	29.93	71	sw	1 b	
Apri	"	29.93	67	sw	1 o	
Manila	"	29.94	75	ne	1 b	
Legaspi	"	29.99	84	ne	2 b	
Iloilo	9a	29.99	84	ne	1 b	
Bacolod	"	29.95	84	ne	1 c	
Cebu	"	29.92	79	ne	2 c	
Labuan	"					

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 2nd.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing shower, s squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous

Day On date On date

at 5 p.m. at 5 p.m. at 5 p.m.

Barometer 29.85 29.89 29.93

Temperature 78 71 79

Humidity 75 86 71

Wind Direction 8 8 SW

Force 2 1 2

Weather c o c

Rain Highest open air temperature on the 1st 39

Lowest

H.K. Observatory, 2nd Apr.

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKO-HAMA	Namur Capt. A. Collyer	about 5th Apr.	Freight & Passage
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SHANGHAI, TSINGTAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	Prinzess Alice Capt. J. Bortfeldt	20,300	SATUR., 4th April.
M'LA, ANGAUR, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	Prinz Sigismund Capt. A. Hutzig	6,000	SATUR., 18th Apr. 9 a.m.
KOBE	Prinz Waldemar Capt. O. Jurany	6,100	ABOUT TUESDAY, 28th Apr.
JESSELTON, KUDAT & SANDAKAN	Borneo Capt. J. Koehler		THURS., 9th April 9 a.m.

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NEXT SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

OUTWARD.

Norderney	About 13th April.	Borkum	About 11th May.
Helgoland	27th April.		

HOMEWARD.

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